

**MODEL APPLICATION TEMPLATE FOR  
STATE CHILD HEALTH PLAN UNDER TITLE XXI OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM**

**Preamble**

Section 4901 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) amended the Social Security Act (the Act) by adding a new title XXI, the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Title XXI provides funds to states to enable them to initiate and expand the provision of child health assistance to uninsured, low-income children in an effective and efficient manner. To be eligible for funds under this program, states must submit a state plan, which must be approved by the Secretary. A state may choose to amend its approved state plan in whole or in part at any time through the submittal of a plan amendment.

This model application template outlines the information that must be included in the state child health plan, and any subsequent amendments. It has been designed to reflect the requirements as they exist in current regulations, found at 42 CFR part 457. These requirements are necessary for state plans and amendments under Title XXI.

The Department of Health and Human Services will continue to work collaboratively with states and other interested parties to provide specific guidance in key areas like applicant and enrollee protections, collection of baseline data, and methods for preventing substitution of Federal funds for existing state and private funds. As such guidance becomes available, we will work to distribute it in a timely fashion to provide assistance as states submit their state plans and amendments.

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(Required under 4901 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (New section 2101(b)))

State/Territory: WYOMING  
(Name of State/Territory)

As a condition for receipt of Federal funds under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, (42 CFR, 457.40(b))

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
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submits the following State Child Health Plan for the State Children's Health Insurance Program and hereby agrees to administer the program in accordance with the provisions of the approved State Child Health Plan, the requirements of Title XXI and XIX of the Act (as appropriate) and all applicable Federal regulations and other official issuances of the Department.

The following state officials are responsible for program administration and financial oversight (42 CFR 457.40(c)):

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## **Section 1. General Description and Purpose of the State Child Health Plans and State Child Health Plan Requirements (Section 2101)**

1.1 The state will use funds provided under Title XXI primarily for (Check appropriate box)  
(42 CFR 457.70):

1.1.1 **X** Obtaining coverage that meets the requirements for a separate child health program (Section 2103); **OR**

1.1.2. ~ Providing expanded benefits under the State's Medicaid plan (Title XIX);  
**OR**

1.1.3. ~ A combination of both of the above.

### ***Overview***

The State of Wyoming will implement a State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) based on Title XXI of the Social Security Act and on revised legislation passed by the Wyoming Legislature in the 2003 session.

The new legislation replaces the previous program (Medicaid Look a Like referred to as Kid Care Plan B) with a new program (Kid Care CHIP) in which children will receive health insurance from a private insurance carrier that provides a cost effective and comprehensive proposal to the Department of Health in response to its request for proposals.

The Governor of Wyoming appointed a Children's Health Insurance Benefit Committee per Wyoming Statute 35-25-105 c & d, which consists of 10 members to make a recommendation to the Department of Health on a basic level of benefits for Wyoming's State Children's Health Insurance Program. The insurance company that provides the most cost effective and comprehensive proposal will be required to provide the benefits recommended by the Health Benefits Committee.

Kid Care CHIP is not an entitlement program. The legislature will appropriate funds for Kid Care CHIP each biennium. Enrollment will be based on funding. Enrollment will be monitored on a monthly basis and if based on the monitoring, it is determined that funds will not be available to continue the program, enrollment will be suspended until adequate funding is available. A waiting list will be developed and once funding is available again, enrollment priority will be given to the lowest income children first.

This amendment replaces the initial state plan and amendments one and two.

The existing Department of Health infrastructure will be used to support this program whenever possible.

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Wyoming assures that it will conduct Kid Care CHIP in compliance with all applicable civil rights requirements.

Children up to age 19 in families up to 185% of the federal poverty level (FPL), who are uninsured and are not eligible for Medicaid will be eligible for Kid Care CHIP. The following chart displays the current age and income requirements in relation to the federal poverty level (FPL) for Medicaid and Kid Care CHIP.

*State Children's Health Insurance Program  
Eligibility with Expansion*

Age	Up to 100% FPL	101% to 133% FPL	134% to 185% FPL
Birth to 5	<div style="background-color: #FFC0CB; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <b>Medicaid</b>            →            ↓         </div>		<div style="background-color: #ADD8E6; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <b>State Children's Health Insurance Program</b>  <b>Private Insurance Program</b>            ↑         </div>
6-18 years			

\*3,000 children (age 6 through 18) are currently enrolled from 101% to 133% FPL

\*\*4,500 children (age birth through 18) are estimated eligible from 134% to 185% FPL

The Children's Insurance Section of the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), will administer Kid Care CHIP. The WDH received a "Covering Kids and Families" grant in July 2002 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This grant will be instrumental in supporting an outreach and marketing campaign for Kid Care CHIP. Kid Care CHIP and the Covering Kids and Families Grant are co-located in the same section in the Department of Health.

The proposed effective date for Kid Care CHIP is July 1, 2003

- 1.2 X Please provide an assurance that expenditures for child health assistance will not be claimed prior to the time that the State has legislative authority to operate the State plan or plan amendment as approved by CMS. (42 CFR 457.40(d))

Wyoming assures that any expenditures for Kid Care CHIP will not be claimed prior to receiving Legislative authority to operate the plan or plan amendment as approved by CMS.

- 1.3 X Please provide an assurance that the state complies with all applicable civil rights requirements, including title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of

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1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 45 CFR part 80, part 84, and part 91, and 28 CFR part 35. (42CFR 457.130)

Wyoming assures that it complies with all applicable civil rights requirements.

- 1.4 Please provide the effective (date costs begin to be incurred) and implementation (date services begin to be provided) dates for this plan or plan amendment (42 CFR 457.65):

Effective date: July 1, 2003

Implementation date: October 1, 2003

**Section 2. General Background and Description of State Approach to Child Health Coverage and Coordination (Section 2102 (a)(1)-(3)) and (Section 2105)(c)(7)(A)-(B))**

2.1. Describe the extent to which, and manner in which, children in the state including targeted low-income children and other classes of children, by income level and other relevant factors, such as race and ethnicity and geographic location, currently have creditable health coverage (as defined in 42 CFR 457.10). To the extent feasible, make a distinction between creditable coverage under public health insurance programs and public-private partnerships (See Section 10 for annual report requirements). (42 CFR 457.80(a))

**Health Insurance**

- Y Of the 135,778 children under age 19 in the state, it is estimated that 15,886 are uninsured, based on updated U.S. Census Data – three year averages 1999, 2000 and 2001 and GAO estimates of the uninsured. Approximately 5,576 are children in families at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). The percentage of uninsured children increases as family income decreases.
- Y Uninsured children, eligible for Kid Care CHIP, are targeted for enrollment through the state’s marketing and outreach efforts, coordination with other public and private programs, and through innovative methods developed through “Covering Kids and Families ” five local projects throughout the state.
- Y The number of children eligible for Kid Care CHIP was determined using population and uninsured data adjusted to capture income and age eligible children.

**Race and Ethnicity Statewide**

Wyoming is a homogenous state, with 94 percent of people classifying themselves as “White.” Data from the 2000 Census in the table below illustrates race and ethnicity in Wyoming.

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## 2000 Wyoming Race and Ethnicity Profile

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
<b>Total Population</b>	493,782	100.0
<b>White</b>	438,799	88.9
<b>Black</b>	3,722	.8
<b>American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut</b>	11,133	2.3
<b>Asian or Pacific Islander</b>	3,073	.7
<b>Other</b>	5,386	.9
<b>Hispanic Origin (of any race)</b>	31,669	6.4

2.2. Describe the current state efforts to provide or obtain creditable health coverage for uncovered children by addressing: (Section 2102)(a)(2) (42CFR 457.80(b))

2.2.1. The steps the state is currently taking to identify and enroll all uncovered children who are eligible to participate in public health insurance programs (i.e. Medicaid and state-only child health insurance):

Wyoming will utilize a variety of approaches to identify and enroll children who may be eligible to participate in EqualityCare (Medicaid) or Kid Care CHIP or to obtain public health services.

Wyoming coordinates its outreach efforts with the USDA school lunch program and staffs the Kid Care hotline for calls from interested parents. Wyoming staff is knowledgeable about requirements and services available through public health programs including Medicaid. The staff responds to inquiries from the public and coordinates with these programs.

These approaches are described in the following paragraphs:

- ✓ EqualityCare (Medicaid), which is administered by the Wyoming Department of Health, provides health coverage to children from birth through age five up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) and children age six through 18 years up to 100 percent of the FPL. Children are also eligible for EqualityCare benefits if they are eligible for developmental disability waiver program services or are receiving Supplement Security Income (SSI) payments. Infants born to Medicaid enrolled women remain eligible for EqualityCare for 12 months.
- ✓ Kid Care CHIP, is also administered by the Wyoming Department of Health, will provide health

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coverage to children age 6 through 18 from 101-133% FPL and children birth through age 18 from 134% to 185% FPL.

✓ Wyoming takes the following steps to enroll children in EqualityCare and Kid Care CHIP:

1. The Wyoming Department of Health has an interagency agreement with the Department of Family Services (DFS) to determine eligibility for EqualityCare and the Department of Health, Children's Insurance Section will determine eligibility for Kid Care CHIP. The interagency agreement with DFS will allow for the coordination of eligibility between the Department of Health and the Department of Family Services.
2. Posters, brochures, applications and a 1-800 number provide EqualityCare and Kid Care CHIP information to potentially eligible families at several locations including public health nursing offices, provider offices, Indian Health Services and WIC offices.
3. A State funded program which provides medical care for foster children in DFS custody is administered by the Office of Medicaid and provides the same level of medical benefits to low income foster children and children in subsidized adoptions who are not eligible for EqualityCare or Kid Care CHIP.
4. Public Health Nursing (PHN) - Thirty-one offices statewide provide direct health services such as immunizations. PHN offices work closely with DFS to assure appropriate referrals are made to Kid Care CHIP. Some PHNs determine presumptive eligibility for the Medicaid pregnant woman program. Funding comes from a combination of state, county, and/or federal funds.
5. Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) offices statewide provide referral to EqualityCare for clients who are income eligible. WIC coordinates with EqualityCare by referring clients to Medicaid if appropriate. WIC is funded by the Department of Agriculture.
6. Maternal and Child Health (MCH ) offers several programs which lead to referral to Kid Care CHIP. These programs include:
  - a. Best Beginnings - A coordinator in each county assists pregnant women to get care and services necessary to help assure a healthy pregnancy.
  - b. Home Visiting for Pregnant and Parenting Families - A program designed to help young, first-time mothers during pregnancy and child rearing.Funding comes from a combination of private, state, county, and/or federal funds. Referrals are made to Medicaid if a financial need for medical care is identified.
7. Children's Special Health (CSH) - This program provides limited medical coverage for low

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income children under age 19 up to 185% of the FPL and high-risk mothers who have special health care needs who are not eligible for EqualityCare or other health care insurance. This program also provides case management services to children dually eligible for Children's Special Health and Kid Care CHIP to assure that necessary medical services are received. The CSH application includes an income determination to screen for Kid Care CHIP eligibility. Program activities are funded with state and federal funds.

8. Federally Qualified Health Centers - Wyoming has eight federally qualified health centers. These facilities have the resources necessary to determine presumptive eligibility for pregnant women and to make referrals to other programs. These clinics provide health care services and are funded with state and federal funds.
9. Indian Health Services (IHS) Clinic - Wyoming has two IHS clinics on the Wind River Indian Reservation. The clinic provides comprehensive ambulatory medical care and preventative services at the Fort Washakie and Arapahoe clinics.
10. Migrant Health Services - There are two migrant health programs in Wyoming covering six counties which provide limited service in a clinic setting and provide vouchers for participants to obtain services from private medical providers. These programs are funded by federal funds.
11. Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - The program provides statewide early intervention services to meet the needs of Wyoming's infants and toddlers with diagnosed disabilities or with developmental delays which warrant concern for future development. Children deemed eligible for Part C Services in Wyoming who appear to be EqualityCare eligible are referred to a DFS field office for Medicaid determination.

2.2.2. The steps the state is currently taking to identify and enroll all uncovered children who are eligible to participate in health insurance programs that involve a public-private partnership:

The Caring Program for Children is a public/private partnership administered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Wyoming, to provide basic and primary and preventive care. Children ages 18 and under who are "not currently covered under a state or federal medical assistance program (Equality Care or Kid Care CHIP) or under any private health insurance program" are eligible for the program. A denial from Kid Care CHIP is required to be eligible for the Caring Program. Enrollment in the Caring Program is dependent on availability of sufficient funds to cover the health care. The program is funded by private donations and matched by Blue Cross Blue Shield.

- 2.3. Describe the procedures the state uses to accomplish coordination of SCHIP with other public and private health insurance programs, sources of health benefits coverage for children, and relevant child health programs, such as title V, that provide health care services for low-income children to increase the number of children with

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creditable health coverage. *(Previously 4.4.5.)*  
(Section 2102)(a)(3) and 2102(c)(2) and 2102(b)(3)(E)) (42CFR 457.80(c))

The state's goal is to provide all targeted low-income children with an accessible and comprehensive system of care that secures a medical home for children. This coordination is directed to ensuring that Kid Care CHIP will not supplant or replace existing programs. Rather, the goal of coordination will be close cooperation between these programs to enhance the health care resources available to low-income children.

The Wyoming Department of Health, the single state agency which administers EqualityCare, also administers Kid Care CHIP. This administrative structure has helped to coordinate both Medicaid and CHIP for facilitating enrollment in the respective programs.

Kid Care CHIP coordinates with the state Maternal and Child Health program to ensure that children with needs beyond what Kid Care CHIP cover are referred to the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSH) program. Because the CSH program provides limited diagnosis specific benefits, children who apply for CSH will be screened for eligibility for Equality Care (Medicaid) or Kid Care CHIP and referred appropriately.

Collaborative efforts are in place between the CSH program and EqualityCare to provide case management for children who are dually eligible for both programs. The Medicaid fiscal agent also processes claims for the CSH program.

### **Section 3. Methods of Delivery and Utilization Controls (Section 2102)(a)(4))**

~ **Check here if the state elects to use funds provided under Title XXI only to provide expanded eligibility under the state's Medicaid plan, and continue on to Section 4.**

- 3.1. Describe the methods of delivery of the child health assistance using Title XXI funds to targeted low-income children. Include a description of the choice of financing and the methods for assuring delivery of the insurance products and delivery of health care services covered by such products to the enrollees, including any variations. (Section 2102)(a)(4) (42CFR 457.490(a))

The Department of Health, Children's Insurance Section has primary responsibility for the operation of Kid Care CHIP. Wyoming has very little to no managed care in the state. Because of this Wyoming will rely primarily on one indemnity insurance plan for coverage under Kid Care CHIP.

An RFP will be issued to private health insurance carriers in April 2003. Carriers will be asked to propose plans that provide the **required** basic level of benefits that was set by Wyoming state statute and the Health Benefits Committee. A contract will be awarded to one insurance company that in its proposal best addresses: price, level of benefits, provider network, outreach efforts, cost sharing, marketing, member rights, access to care, grievance procedures and continuation of a private pay basis if

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the family ceases to be eligible for CHIP.

Financing for Kid Care CHIP will be through Federal SCHIP allotments matched by State General Funds.

- 3.2. Describe the utilization controls under the child health assistance provided under the plan for targeted low-income children. Describe the systems designed to ensure that enrollees receiving health care services under the state plan receive only appropriate and medically necessary health care consistent with the benefit package described in the approved state plan. (Section 2102)(a)(4) (42CFR 457.490(b))

Administrative mechanisms that will be used to ensure appropriate medically necessary approved care are as follows:

- The contractor will be required to have at least the “floor level” of benefits that have been developed for Kid Care CHIP in order to be considered an acceptable plan.
- Educational activities will be conducted to make certain that insured individuals and health care providers are knowledgeable about the extent of coverage.
- The insurer will be required to have adequate staff and procedures in place to ensure that services provided to those eligible are medically necessary and appropriate.
- The plan offered will comply with requirements of Wyoming Insurance Law and the insurer will be licensed by the Wyoming Department of Insurance.
- The Department of Health will approve the complaint and grievance process for addressing eligibles complaints and appeals. Those eligible will receive a copy of the complaint and grievance process upon eligibility and at least annually thereafter.
- Quarterly reports will be provided by the insurer on all grievances and complaints handled.

#### **Section 4. Eligibility Standards and Methodology. (Section 2102(b))**

~ **Check here if the state elects to use funds provided under Title XXI only to provide expanded eligibility under the states Medicaid plan, and continue on to Section 5.**

- 4.1. The following standards may be used to determine eligibility of targeted low-income children for child health assistance under the plan. Please note whether any of the following standards are used and check all that apply. If applicable, describe the criteria that will be used to apply the standard. (Section 2102)(b)(1)(A)) (42CFR 457.305(a) and 457.320(a))

4.1.1 X Geographic area served by the Plan: State Wide

4.1.2. X Age: Available to children from age 6 through age 18 (from 101% to 133% FPL) and children age birth through age 18 (from 134% to 185%). Coverage for children who are eighteen years of age will continue until

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the child turns 19.

- 4.1.3. X      Income: Available to children at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level who are not eligible for Medicaid. See Attachment A for eligibility definitions.
- 4.1.4. ~      Resources (including any standards relating to spend downs and disposition of resources): There will be no resource test.
- 4.1.5. X      Residency (so long as residency requirement is not based on length of time in state) : U.S. Citizenship and Wyoming residency is required. A child will be considered a resident if they are living in the state voluntarily with the intention of establishing a permanent residence. Wyoming will follow Federal guidelines in determining whether a child is a U.S. citizen or Qualified Alien who is eligible for Kid Care CHIP.
- 4.1.6. X      Disability Status (so long as any standard relating to disability status does not restrict eligibility): No child will be denied eligibility based on disability status. If the child receives SSI, the child will be denied coverage based on their eligibility for Medicaid, not for reasons of disability status.
- 4.1.7. X      Access to or coverage under other health coverage: A child will be found ineligible when: 1) the child is eligible for Medicaid; 2) the child is covered under a group health plan or under health insurance coverage as defined in section 2791 of the Public Health Service Act; 3) the parent has voluntarily dropped coverage under another health insurance plan within one month of application. 4). The child is eligible to receive health insurance benefits under Wyoming's state employee benefit plan.
- 4.1.8. X      Duration of eligibility: A child will be eligible for 12 months. The eligibility will be a continuous period of time from the effective date unless the child moves out-of-state, becomes Medicaid eligible or enters a public institution. Coverage for children who are eighteen years of age will continue until the child's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. The family will be asked to report changes in residency. At the end of the 12 month period, eligibility will be redetermined.
- 4.1.9. X      Other standards (identify and describe): A child who is a resident of an institution for mental disease or a public institution will not be eligible at application or redetermination for Kid Care CHIP.

Wyoming requires a social security number for an applicant as part of the

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screen and enroll process. Wyoming automatically screens for Medicaid eligibility first which requires the social security number and then for SCHIP eligibility.

4.2. The state assures that it has made the following findings with respect to the eligibility standards in its plan: (Section 2102)(b)(1)(B)) (42CFR 457.320(b))

4.2.1. T These standards do not discriminate on the basis of diagnosis.

4.2.2. T Within a defined group of covered targeted low-income children, these standards do not cover children of higher income families without covering children with a lower family income.

4.2.3. T These standards do not deny eligibility based on a child having a pre-existing medical condition.

4.3. Describe the methods of establishing eligibility and continuing enrollment.  
(Section 2102)(b)(2)) (42CFR 457.350)

## **Application**

The state uses a combined Medicaid and CHIP application. Information requested on the combined application includes: income, health insurance status, current address, U.S. Citizenship, Race (optional) and Primary Language spoken (optional). Applications are available at the CHIP office, CHIP website, provider offices, schools, Head Start facilities and private entities such as insurance agents, Department of Family Services and FQHC, RHC, IHS, PHN offices. Applications will be accepted by mail.

Applications will be mailed to Kid Care CHIP directly from families or other agencies or organizations assisting the families in their application process.

The application will contain a statement advising the family that the application will be sent to their county DFS office if the child(ren) appear to be EqualityCare eligible.

## **Eligibility Determination**

Eligibility for Kid Care CHIP will be determined by the Department of Health. All applications will be screened for EqualityCare (Medicaid) eligibility first and then for Kid Care CHIP eligibility. If the application appears eligible for EqualityCare (Medicaid), the application will be forwarded to a county DFS office via fax or mail. Eligibility for Kid Care CHIP must be determined within 45 days of the receipt of the application. All applications received on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month that are made eligible for Kid Care CHIP will begin eligibility on the first day of the following month. If an application is received after the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month, eligibility will begin the month thereafter. (for example: If an eligible application is received on January 10<sup>th</sup>, the child's benefits would begin on February 1<sup>st</sup>. If the application is received on January 27<sup>th</sup>, the child's benefits would begin on March 1<sup>st</sup>.) The Department will provide the insurance company with a list of all newly eligible children no later than the last working day of the month. The insurance company will have 10 days from the date of receipt to send the eligible child's family an enrollment packet that will include an identification card, list

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of providers, benefit book, contact/grievance/complaint numbers, etc.

Kid Care CHIP staff will date stamp and initial the application when it comes in to track the time in which it takes to make the eligibility determination as well as for the Department of Family Services so that they will be aware as to when the application was originally received. It is estimated that it will take one or two days for the postal service to deliver the application to the respective county office or one day via fax.

If the application is sent to the county DFS office, Kid Care CHIP will send a letter to the family advising them that the child or children appear to be eligible for EqualityCare and that their application has been forwarded to their county DFS office for eligibility determination. The letter will include a phone number to their county office in case the family has questions.

If the DFS office finds the child(ren) ineligible for Medicaid, the county office will advise Kid Care CHIP of the denial and the children will possibly be made eligible for CHIP. All enrollment is subject to funding and eligibility requirements.

### **Continuous Eligibility**

A child determined eligible for Kid Care CHIP will be eligible for a continuous 12 month period, unless they reach their nineteenth birthday within the 12 month period, they move out of state or they enter a public institution.

Once eligibility is determined, changes in a family's composition or income will not affect a child's eligibility during the 12 months continuous period

### **Notification**

A confirmation of eligibility for Kid Care CHIP will be mailed to the family by the Department of Health. The family will also receive an enrollment packet from the insurance company that will include an identification card, welcome letter, provider list, information on the benefits covered and not covered, information on co-payments, contact information and grievance procedures. If a family is ineligible for Kid Care CHIP the Department will also send out a letter advising the family why they are ineligible and will provide information on other resources available.

### **Referral to other programs**

If a child is not eligible for Kid Care CHIP, they will be referred to the Caring Program or other public or private programs or companies that provide health insurance benefits or other health services to children.

### **Annual Notices**

Children participating in Kid Care CHIP will need to reapply for the program every 12 months. A notice will be mailed to the family 30 days prior to the end of the eligibility period informing them when their CHIP eligibility period will end and providing instructions for reapplying. The family will need to

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complete the renewal form that is mailed to them which will include name, address, income, insurance status, family composition and signature and return it to the Department of Health to have their eligibility renewed. If the renewal form is not returned by the end of the coverage date, coverage will terminate. The Department will send an additional notice to the family to advise that coverage has terminated and to advise that they may still re-apply for coverage.

### **Training & Support for Department of Health and DFS field offices**

Because the Department of Health will be determining eligibility for CHIP and DFS will be determining eligibility for Medicaid (EqualityCare), there will be ongoing training and coordination that will take place to ensure that children are moved between programs smoothly.

4.3.1 Describe the state's policies governing enrollment caps and waiting lists (if any). (Section 2106(b)(7)) (42CFR 457.305(b))

☐ Check here if this section does not apply to your state.

Kid Care CHIP is not an entitlement program. The legislature will appropriate funds for Kid Care CHIP each biennium. The Department of Health assures that any waiting list, enrollment cap or closed enrollment period for Kid Care CHIP will be implemented in accordance with 42 CFR 457.65(d). Wyoming's state legislature has appropriated funds for Kid Care CHIP based on projected costs through the end of the biennium which is through State fiscal year 2004 (June 30, 2004). If the state determines that due to an increase in costs that a waiting list must be implemented, an amendment will be submitted in order to implement the waiting list.

4.4. Describe the procedures that assure that:

4.4.1. Through the screening procedures used at intake and follow-up eligibility determination, including any periodic redetermination, that only targeted low-income children who are ineligible for Medicaid or not covered under a group health plan or health insurance coverage (including access to a state health benefits plan) are furnished child health assistance under the state child health plan. (Sections 2102(b)(3)(A) and 2110(b)(2)(B)) (42 CFR 457.310(b) (42CFR 457.350(a)(1)) 457.80(c)(3))

The application for Kid Care CHIP asks if a child applying for CHIP has been covered by health insurance within the last month. If the child has been covered and it was not cancelled due to an allowable reason, or a child has access to the state employees insurance because of a family member's employment with a public agency (even if the family declines to accept coverage) per 42 CFR 457.310 (c)(1) then the child will be denied coverage. The insurer contracting with Kid Care CHIP will be required to notify Kid Care CHIP if they have reason to believe an enrollee has other coverage.

Kid Care CHIP may exchange information with other agencies about the availability of insurance coverage for children applying for or determined eligible for Kid Care CHIP. Wyoming will

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work with other programs in the Department of Health (Office of Medicaid, Children's Special Health and Dental Health) as well as the Caring Program.

- 4.4.2. The Medicaid application and enrollment process is initiated and facilitated for children found through the screening to be potentially eligible for medical assistance under the state Medicaid plan under Title XIX. (Section 2102)(b)(3)(B)) (42CFR 457.350(a)(2))

The State of Wyoming is committed to enrolling uninsured children in a health insurance program appropriate to their age and family income level.

Kid Care CHIP will screen for Medicaid eligibility. If, upon initial screening, it is found that the application is eligible for Medicaid, the application will be forwarded to the county DFS office to process. If the child is ineligible for Medicaid, the application will be screened for Kid Care CHIP.

At renewal, if a child is determined to qualify for Medicaid then the Department of Health will forward the renewal form to DFS to process for Medicaid eligibility.

- 4.4.3. The State is taking steps to assist in the enrollment in SCHIP of children determined ineligible for Medicaid. (Sections 2102(a)(1) and (2) and 2102(c)(2)) (42CFR 431.636(b)(4))

If a child or children are ineligible for Medicaid, the county DFS office will notify Kid Care CHIP by mail or email about the decision and will forward a copy of the application via fax or mail to Kid Care. The county DFS office will advise the family that they are ineligible for Medicaid, but that Kid Care CHIP coverage may be available.

- 4.4.4 The insurance provided under the state child health plan does not substitute for coverage under group health plans. Check the appropriate box. (Section 2102)(b)(3)(C)) (42CFR 457.805) (42 CFR 457.810(a)-(c))

- 4.4.4.1. T Coverage provided to children in families at or below 200% FPL: describe the methods of monitoring substitution.

The Kid Care application will ask whether the applicant has lost health insurance coverage during the month prior to applying for Kid Care CHIP. An applicant will be ineligible for Kid Care CHIP if the applicant has voluntarily terminated their group health plan/employer-sponsored, or individual coverage within the month prior to the application date for coverage.

If a parent who is providing the primary insurance is fired, laid off, can no longer work because of a disability, has passed away or has a lapse in insurance coverage because he/she obtains new employment, the child may be eligible for Kid Care CHIP.

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Wyoming will monitor for crowd-out. The Department of Health will verify the information provided on the application regarding the availability of creditable coverage with the families' employers if necessary. If the results of monitoring indicate crowd-out is occurring, the state will develop and implement strategies to prevent crowd-out from occurring.

4.4.4.2. ☐ Coverage provided to children in families over 200% and up to 250% FPL: describe how substitution is monitored and identify specific strategies to limit substitution if levels become unacceptable. N/A

4.4.4.3. ☐ Coverage provided to children in families above 250% FPL: describe how substitution is monitored and identify specific strategies in place to prevent substitution. N/A

4.4.4.4. ☐ If the state provides coverage under a premium assistance program, describe:

The minimum period without coverage under a group health plan, including any allowable exceptions to the waiting period.

The minimum employer contribution.

The cost-effectiveness determination.

4.4.5 Child health assistance is provided to targeted low-income children in the state who are American Indian and Alaska Native. (Section 2102)(b)(3)(D)) (42 CFR 457.125(a))

Kid Care CHIP works directly with the tribes, the Tribal Health Services and the Indian Health Service to inform Native Americans in Wyoming about Kid Care CHIP. The insurer will be required by contract to offer a provider contract to Indian Health Service providers who meet certification requirements.

If a Native American child is found to be eligible for Kid Care CHIP there will be no cost sharing for the family. The family will be required to provide proof of tribal membership so that the cost sharing exemption can be processed. The identification card that the child receives from the insurer will indicate that no co-payment is required when the child receives services. The insurance card will not identify the child as a Native American.

## **Section 5. Outreach (Section 2102(c))**

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Describe the procedures used by the state to accomplish:

Outreach to families of children likely to be eligible for child health assistance or other public or private health coverage to inform them of the availability of the programs, and to assist them in enrolling their children in such a program: (Section 2102(c)(1)) (42CFR 457.90)

### **Outreach and Marketing Campaign**

Kid Care CHIP will use an outreach and marketing campaign developed under the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation “Covering Kids and Families” grant to inform families of children likely to be eligible for Kid Care CHIP or other public or private health coverage programs of the availability of these programs and to assist them in enrolling their children. It is also anticipated that insurance companies will conduct direct marketing efforts, which further outreach activities. Insurance companies will not be allowed to do any “cold calling”. The insurance companies will be allowed to market CHIP along with their other products, but will not be able to specifically target low income families. Insurance Companies will be required to have all marketing materials approved by the State prior to release.

The “Covering Kids and Families” grant facilitates state and local efforts to:

- Design and conduct outreach programs that identify and enroll children in CHIP, Medicaid and other coverage programs;
- Simplify the enrollment processes;
- Coordinate existing coverage programs for low-income children

The “Covering Kids” Coalition includes representatives from child advocacy organizations, education organizations, health care provider associations, the insurance industry, and other public and private providers who are concerned with children’s health including:

- American Academy of Pediatrics
- AARP
- Albany County Well Aware Committee
- American Red Cross
- Best Beginnings
- Board of Nursing
- BOCES
- Boys and Girls Club
- Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Arapahoe Tribe
- Wyoming Business Council
- Caring Program of Wyoming
- Cheyenne Children’s Clinic

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- Child Development Services of Wyoming
- Children's Nutrition Services
- Community and Family Health Division Programs -Adolescent Services, Children's Special Health, Dental Health Services, Help Me Grow-Safe Kids Campaign, Immunization Program, Maternal and Child Health Programs, Public Health Nursing, WIC
- Fremont County Health Planning Coalition
- Governor's Early Childhood Development Council
- Governor's Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Indian Health Services
- Laramie County Community Partnership
- March of Dimes
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- Natrona County Health Care Advisory Council
- Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming
- Protection & Advocacy
- The ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens) of Wyoming
- Uinta County Planned Approach to Community Health (PATCH)
- UPLIFT
- WAMHSAC
- Washakie County Community Health Planning Board
- Wyoming Association of Elementary School Principals
- Wyoming Association of Secondary School Principals
- Wyoming Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
- Wyoming Children's Action Alliance
- Wyoming Church Coalition
- Wyoming Coalition of Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies
- Wyoming Dental Association
- Wyoming Department of Education
- Wyoming Department of Family Services
- Wyoming Department of Health
- Wyoming Head Start Association
- Wyoming Head Start State Collaboration
- Wyoming Health Resources Network
- Wyoming Hospital Association
- Wyoming Insurance Commissioner's Office
- Wyoming League of Women Voters
- Wyoming Medical Society
- Wyoming Motel & Restaurant Association
- Wyoming Nurses Association
- Wyoming Optometric Association
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- Wyoming Parent-Teacher Association
- Wyoming Pharmacists Association
- Wyoming Press Association
- Wyoming Primary Care Association
- Wyoming Reproductive Health Council
- Wyoming Section American College Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- Wyoming Youth Services Association

The statewide steering committee for the coalition meets four times a year. This coalition includes five local projects throughout the State who work with the coalition to identify the most effective ways to reach the target population. These methods are used to ensure that eligible families are made aware of the importance of insurance, the availability of these programs and how to apply.

#### **Marketing Methods:**

Direct appeals will be made using press releases, public service announcements, print media, radio and television, and printed materials. Kid Care CHIP specific materials will be developed and will continue to be evaluated and adjusted as needed.

#### **Collaboration:**

The Kid Care CHIP Program will provide education to local agencies and organizations and providers by developing materials about CHIP, speaking at training sessions, and/or meetings, and by submitting information to professional newsletters and bulletins. Kid Care will collaborate with the Department of Education on the free and reduced school lunch program and school nurses to conduct back to school enrollment drives.

Kid Care CHIP will work closely with Native American leaders to develop specific outreach activities that are acceptable to the tribes. The Covering Kids and Families grant works with the Migrant Health programs to develop specific outreach activities for migrant workers statewide.

### **Section 6. Coverage Requirements for Children's Health Insurance (Section 2103)**

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**Check here if the state elects to use funds provided under Title XXI only to provide expanded eligibility under the state's Medicaid plan,** and continue on to Section 7.

- 6.1. The state elects to provide the following forms of coverage to children:  
(Check all that apply.) (42CFR 457.410(a))

6.1.1. ~ Benchmark coverage; (Section 2103(a)(1) and 42 CFR 457.420)

6.1.1.1. ~ FEHBP-equivalent coverage; (Section 2103(b)(1))

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(If checked, attach copy of the plan.)

6.1.1.2. ~ State employee coverage; (Section 2103(b)(2)) (If checked, identify the plan and attach a copy of the benefits description.)

6.1.1.3. ~ HMO with largest insured commercial enrollment (Section 2103(b)(3)) (If checked, identify the plan and attach a copy of the benefits description.)

6.1.2. ~ Benchmark-equivalent coverage; (Section 2103(a)(2) and 42 CFR 457.430)  
Specify the coverage, including the amount, scope and duration of each service, as well as any exclusions or limitations. Please attach a signed actuarial report that meets the requirements specified in 42 CFR 457.431. **See instructions.**

6.1.3. ~ Existing Comprehensive State-Based Coverage; (Section 2103(a)(3) and 42 CFR 457.440) [Only applicable to New York; Florida; Pennsylvania]  
Please attach a description of the benefits package, administration, date of enactment. If ☐existing comprehensive state-based coverage☐ is modified, please provide an actuarial opinion documenting that the actuarial value of the modification is greater than the value as of 8/5/97 or one of the benchmark plans. Describe the fiscal year 1996 state expenditures for ☐existing comprehensive state-based coverage.☐

6.1.4. Y Secretary-Approved Coverage. (Section 2103(a)(4)) (42 CFR 457.450)

6.1.4.1. Y Wyoming is requesting Secretary Approved coverage for Kid Care CHIP. Based on SCHIP Statute, Secretary approved coverage is "coverage that provides appropriate coverage for the population of targeted low-income children covered under the program."

Wyoming is bound by State statute to provide the services listed in the Categories of Basic Services listed in Section 2103 (c ) (1) of Title XXI. No additional benefits except coverage of prescription drugs, dental and vision has been authorized. Wyoming's benefits do not meet those of a Benchmark, so a comparison to a benchmark is not possible. These benefits are based on the basic services listed in Section 2103 (c ) (1) of Title XXI and Wyoming State Statute.

6.1.4.2. ☐ Comprehensive coverage for children under a Medicaid Section 1115 demonstration project

6.1.4.3. ☐ Coverage that either includes the full EPSDT benefit or

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that the state has extended to the entire Medicaid population

- 6.1.4.4. ☐ Coverage that includes benchmark coverage plus additional coverage
- 6.1.4.5. ☐ Coverage that is the same as defined by existing comprehensive state-based coverage
- 6.1.4.6. ☐ Coverage under a group health plan that is substantially equivalent to or greater than benchmark coverage through a benefit by benefit comparison (Please provide a sample of how the comparison will be done)
- 6.1.4.7. Other (Describe)

- 6.2. The state elects to provide the following forms of coverage to children:  
(Check all that apply. If an item is checked, describe the coverage with respect to the amount, duration and scope of services covered, as well as any exclusions or limitations) (Section 2110(a)) (42CFR 457.490)

The services covered for Kid Care CHIP have been recommended by the Health Care Benefits Committee that was formed due to State Statute requirements. These benefits are based on the basic services listed in Section 2103 (c ) (1) of Title XXI and Wyoming State Statute.

The Lifetime maximum benefit coverage per insured person is \$1 million.

The cost-sharing amounts for participants is discussed in Section 8.2.4

**6.2.1. T Inpatient services (Section 2110(a)(1))**

Semi private room; intensive and coronary care units; general nursing; drugs; oxygen; blood transfusions; laboratory; imaging services; physical, speech, occupational, heat and inhalation therapy; operating, recovery, birthing, and delivery rooms; routine and intensive care for newborns and other medically necessary benefits and prescribed supplies for treatment of injury or illness are covered.

Coverage of postpartum care for at least forty-eight hours for vaginal delivery and ninety-six hours for caesarean section is guaranteed. Any decision to shorten the length of inpatient stay to less than these stated amounts shall be made by the attending provider and the mother.

**6.2.2. T Outpatient services (Section 2110(a)(2))**

All benefits described in the inpatient hospital section which are provided on an outpatient basis in a hospital (including but not limited to observation beds and partial hospitalization benefits) or ambulatory surgical center; chemotherapy; emergency room benefits for surgery, injury or medical emergency; and other services for diagnostic or outpatient treatment of a medical condition, injury or illness are covered.

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**6.2.3. T Physician services (Section 2110(a)(3))**

Office, clinic, home, outpatient surgery center and hospital treatment for a medical condition, injury or illness by a physician, mid-level practitioner or other covered provider are covered.

Well child, well baby and immunization services are recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics are covered.

Routine physicals for sports, employment or as required by a government authority are covered.

Anesthesia services rendered by a physician-anesthesiologist (other than the attending physician or assistant) or by a nurse anesthetist are covered provided that surgical and/or hospital services are also covered.

**6.2.4. T Surgical services (Section 2110(a)(4)) 6.2.4**

Covered as described in inpatient and outpatient hospital and physician benefit descriptions. In addition professional services rendered by a physician, surgeon or doctor of dental surgery for treatment of a fractured jaw or other injury to sound natural teeth and gums are covered.

**6.2.5. T Clinic services (including health center services) and other ambulatory health care services. (Section 2110(a)(5))**

Included in physician services

**6.2.6. T Prescription drugs (Section 2110(a)(6))**

Coverage includes prescribed by a practitioner acting within the scope of his practice.

Chemotherapy drugs approved for use in humans by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, vaccines, prenatal vitamins, and drugs needed after an organ or tissue transplant are covered.

The contractor may use a Medicaid formulary if it chooses to employ a formulary.

Prescribed diabetic supplies including insulin, test tape, syringes, needles and lancets are covered as a prescription drug.

Food supplements and vitamins are not covered with the exception of prenatal vitamins and medical foods for the treatment of inborn errors of metabolism that involve amino acid, carbohydrate and fat metabolism and for which medically standard methods of diagnosis, treatment and monitoring exists. The need for a prescription to obtain a food supplement or vitamin shall not affect the application of this provision.

**6.2.7. Over-the-counter medications (Section 2110(a)(7))**

**6.2.8. T Laboratory and radiological services (Section 2110(a)(8))**

Coverage includes imaging and laboratory services for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes due to accident, illness or medical condition that are not described elsewhere

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in this section. X-ray, radium or radioactive isotope therapy is covered.

6.2.9. T Prenatal care and pre pregnancy family services and supplies (Section 2110(a)(9))

Prenatal care is covered as described for other medical conditions in this section. Pre-pregnancy family planning services and prescribed supplies are covered including birth control contraceptives.

6.2.10. T Inpatient mental health services, other than services described in 6.2.18., but including services furnished in a state-operated mental hospital and including residential or other 24-hour therapeutically planned structural services (Section 2110(a)(10))

Services furnished in a hospital, including a state-operated mental hospital; a residential or other 24-hour therapeutically planned structural service; or a partial hospitalization program are covered. Twenty-one days of inpatient mental health benefits are covered per benefit year. Partial hospitalization benefits may be exchanged for inpatient days at a rate of one inpatient day for two partial treatment days. A partial hospitalization program that is operated by a hospital shall comply with the standards for a partial hospitalization program that are published by the American Association for Partial Hospitalization.

The following specific limitations apply to coverage depending upon the child's diagnosis and the treatment setting. A child who has applied for or been found eligible for Kid Care CHIP prior to becoming a patient in an IMD will be covered by Kid Care CHIP within the individual benefit limits specified in this section. However, a child who is a patient in an institution for mental disease who did not apply for Kid Care CHIP prior to admission is not eligible for Kid Care CHIP until he or she is discharged from the IMD.

No limits to inpatient mental health shall be imposed on children diagnosed with the following disorders as defined by the American Psychiatric Association: Schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, autism.

6.2.11. T Outpatient mental health services, other than services described in 6.2.19, but including services furnished in a state-operated mental hospital and including community-based services (Section 2110(a)(11))

Professional outpatient mental health services up to a maximum of twenty visits per year are covered. The visits can be furnished in a variety of community based settings or in a mental hospital.

Partial hospitalization benefits are paid as described in the inpatient mental health benefits section.

No limits to outpatient mental health benefits shall be imposed on children diagnosed with the following disorders as defined by the American Psychiatric Assoc: Schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depression, panic

disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, autism

- 6.2.12. Durable medical equipment and other medically-related or remedial devices (such as prosthetic devices, implants, eyeglasses, hearing aids, dental devices, and adaptive devices) (Section 2110(a)(12))
- 6.2.13. Disposable medical supplies (Section 2110(a)(13))
- 6.2.14. Home and community-based health care services (See instructions) (Section 2110(a)(14))
- 6.2.15. Nursing care services (See instructions) (Section 2110(a)(15))
- 6.2.16. T Abortion only if necessary to save the life of the mother or if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest (Section 2110(a)(16))
- 6.2.17. T Dental services (Section 2110(a)(17))  
Exams, cleanings, bitewing x-rays, fluoride treatments, sealants, full mouth x-rays, space maintainers, fillings, simple extractions and emergency treatment for the relief of pain. Annual maximum is \$500 per year (every 12 months).
- 6.2.18. T Inpatient substance abuse treatment services and residential substance abuse treatment services (Section 2110(a)(18))  
The combined benefit for inpatient and outpatient treatment for alcoholism and drug addiction, excluding costs for medical detoxification, is subject to a maximum benefit of \$6,000 in a 12-month period, until a lifetime inpatient maximum benefit of \$12,000 is met, after which the annual benefit may be reduced to \$2,000. Costs for medical detoxification treatment must be paid the same as any other illness under the terms of the contract and are not subject to the lifetime limits.
- 6.2.19. T Outpatient substance abuse treatment services (Section 2110(a)(19))  
The combined benefit for inpatient and outpatient treatment for alcoholism and drug addiction, excluding costs for medical detoxification, is subject to a maximum benefit of \$6,000 in a 12 month period until a lifetime maximum inpatient benefit of \$12,000 is met, after which the annual benefit may be reduced to \$2,000. Costs for medical detoxification treatment must be paid the same as any other illness under the terms of the contract and are not subject to the lifetime limits.
- 6.2.20. Case management services (Section 2110(a)(20))

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- 6.2.21. Care coordination services (Section 2110(a)(21))
- 6.2.22. T Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and services for individuals with speech, hearing, and language disorders (Section 2110(a)(22)) Covered up to \$500 per year. Spinal Manipulation is covered up to \$250 per year.
- 6.2.23. Hospice care (Section 2110(a)(23))
- 6.2.24. T Any other medical, diagnostic, screening, preventive, restorative, remedial, therapeutic, or rehabilitative services. (See instructions) (Section 2110(a)(24)) Rehabilitation covered up to \$25,000 lifetime if completed in a home, school or other setting if recognized by State law and prescribed or furnished by a physician or other licensed or registered practitioner.
- Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) - In a home, school or other setting if recognized by State law and prescribed or furnished by a physician or other licensed or registered practitioner.
- Well Baby and Well Child visits will be covered up to the recommendations of the AAP & Immunizations will be covered up to the recommendation of the ACIP.
- Vision Services: Services for the medical treatment of diseases or injury to the eye by a licensed physician or optometrist working within the scope of his/her license are covered. One exam every 12 months, one pair of lenses every 12 months (except in the case of a change in prescription) and one set of frames every 12 months. Frames are limited to \$100 per frame. (If the cost of the frame is more than \$100 families will be responsible for any additional cost)
- 6.2.25. Premiums for private health care insurance coverage (Section 2110(a)(25))
- 6.2.26. Medical transportation (Section 2110(a)(26))
- 6.2.27. Enabling services (such as transportation, translation, and outreach services (See instructions) (Section 2110(a)(27))
- 6.2.28. T Any other health care services or items specified by the Secretary

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and not included under this section (Section 2110(a)(28))  
Air and Ground ambulance will be covered in the event of an emergency

## **KID CARE CHIP EXCLUSIONS**

In addition to any exclusions noted in the individual coverage descriptions, the following services need not be considered covered benefits under the contract.

However, the contractor may at its option, offer coverage of one or more of the following benefits so long as the optional coverage does not increase the premium specified in the contract.

Experimental services or services generally regarded by the medical profession as unacceptable treatment.

Custodial Care.

Personal comfort/hygiene/convenience items, which are not primarily medical in nature.

Organ and tissue transplants

TMJ treatment

Whirlpools

Treatment for Obesity

Acupuncture

Biofeedback

Chiropractic services

Cosmetic surgery

Private duty nursing

Treatment for which other coverage such as worker's compensation is responsible.

Routine foot care

Medical transportation

Contact Lenses

Orthodontia

For telephone consultations, charges for failure to keep a scheduled visit, charges for completion of any form, or charges for medical information

For inpatient admissions which are primarily for diagnostic studies or primarily for physical therapy

For custodial care, domiciliary care or rest cures or treatment in a facility, or part of a facility, that is mainly a place for: (a) rest; (b) convalescence or (c) custodial care

For screening examinations, except as provided for wellness benefits under this program

For radial keratotomy, myopic keratotomy, and any surgery which involves corneal tissue for the purpose of altering, modifying, or correcting myopia, hyperopia, or stigmatic

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For therapeutic or elective termination of pregnancy prior to full term

For complications or side effects arising from services, procedures, or treatments excluded by this policy

For private duty nursing

The following services shall not be considered covered benefits under the contract. The contractor is prohibited from offering any of the following benefits:

In vitro fertilization, gamete or zygote intra fallopian transfer, artificial insemination, reversal of voluntary sterilization, transsexual surgery, fertility enhancing treatment beyond diagnosis.

Benefits for a child incarcerated in a criminal justice institution. The child is excluded from coverage only if he/she meets the definition of an inmate of a public institution as defined at 42 CFR 435.1009

For services provided out of state. A referral from a Wyoming provider is not required to obtain out of state benefits. The insurance company may authorize a family to obtain coverage out of state if the closest provider is out of state.

Any treatment that is not medically necessary.

6.3 The state assures that, with respect to pre-existing medical conditions, one of the following two statements applies to its plan: (42CFR 457.480)

6.3.1. T The state shall not permit the imposition of any pre-existing medical condition exclusion for covered services (Section 2102(b)(1)(B)(ii)); **OR**

6.3.2. ~ The state contracts with a group health plan or group health insurance coverage, or contracts with a group health plan to provide family coverage under a waiver (see Section 6.4.2. of the template). Pre-existing medical conditions are permitted to the extent allowed by HIPAA/ERISA (Section 2103(f)). Please describe: *Previously 8.6*

6.4 **Additional Purchase Options.** If the state wishes to provide services under the plan through cost effective alternatives or the purchase of family coverage, it must request the appropriate option. To be approved, the state must address the following: (Section 2105(c)(2) and(3)) (42 CFR 457.1005 and 457.1010)

6.4.1. ~ **Cost Effective Coverage.** Payment may be made to a state in excess of the 10% limitation on use of funds for payments for: 1) other child health assistance for targeted low-income children; 2) expenditures for health services initiatives under the plan for improving the health of children (including targeted low-income children and other low-income children); 3) expenditures for outreach activities as provided in section

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2102(c)(1) under the plan; and 4) other reasonable costs incurred by the state to administer the plan, if it demonstrates the following (42CFR 457.1005(a)):

6.4.1.1. Coverage provided to targeted low-income children through such expenditures must meet the coverage requirements above; **Describe the coverage provided by the alternative delivery system. The state may cross reference section 6.2.1 - 6.2.28.** (Section 2105(c)(2)(B)(i)) (42CFR 457.1005(b))

6.4.1.2. The cost of such coverage must not be greater, on an average per child basis, than the cost of coverage that would otherwise be provided for the coverage described above.; **Describe the cost of such coverage on an average per child basis.** (Section 2105(c)(2)(B)(ii)) (42CFR 457.1005(b))

6.4.1.3. The coverage must be provided through the use of a community-based health delivery system, such as through contracts with health centers receiving funds under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act or with hospitals such as those that receive disproportionate share payment adjustments under section 1886(c)(5)(F) or 1923 of the Social Security Act. **Describe the community based delivery system.** (Section 2105(c)(2)(B)(iii)) (42CFR 457.1005(a))

6.4.2. ~ **Purchase of Family Coverage.** Describe the plan to purchase family coverage. Payment may be made to a state for the purpose of family coverage under a group health plan or health insurance coverage that includes coverage of targeted low-income children, if it demonstrates the following: (Section 2105(c)(3)) (42CFR 457.1010)

6.4.2.1. Purchase of family coverage is cost-effective relative to the amounts that the state would have paid to obtain comparable coverage only of the targeted low-income children involved; and **(Describe the associated costs for purchasing the family coverage relative to the coverage for the low income children.)** (Section 2105(c)(3)(A)) (42CFR 457.1010(a))

6.4.2.2. The state assures that the family coverage would not otherwise substitute for health insurance coverage that would be provided to such children but for the purchase of family coverage. (Section 2105(c)(3)(B)) (42CFR 457.1010(b))

6.4.2.3. The state assures that the coverage for the family otherwise meets title XXI requirements. (42CFR 457.1010(c))

## Section 7. Quality and Appropriateness of Care

~ **Check here if the state elects to use funds provided under Title XXI only to provide expanded eligibility under the state's Medicaid plan**, and continue on to Section 8.

- 7.1. Describe the methods (including external and internal monitoring) used to assure the quality and appropriateness of care, particularly with respect to well-baby care, well-child care, and immunizations provided under the plan. (2102(a)(7)(A)) (42CFR 457.495(a))

Will the state utilize any of the following tools to assure quality?  
(Check all that apply and describe the activities for any categories utilized.)

- 7.1.1. ~ Quality standards  
7.1.2. T Performance measurement  
7.1.3. T Information strategies  
7.1.4. ~ Quality improvement strategies

### 7.1.2 Performance measurements :

Information on immunization and well-child visits for Kid Care CHIP will be obtained from the insurance company that is contracted by the Department of Health to provide services for Kid Care CHIP participants. The information will be provided to the Department in the form of quarterly reports. Pharmacy, dental and vision utilization as well as large claims data will also be provided by the insurance company.

### 7.1.3 Information Strategy

Immunization schedules, well-baby and well-child schedules will be distributed by the insurance company and their providers to participants of Kid Care CHIP.

- 7.2. Describe the methods used, including monitoring, to assure: (2102(a)(7)(B)) (42CFR 457.495)

- 7.2.1 Access to well-baby care, well-child care, well-adolescent care and childhood and adolescent immunizations. (Section 2102(a)(7)) (42CFR 457.495(a))

A Kid Care CHIP Survey will be distributed to all families quarterly or annually to obtain information on access to providers and satisfaction with program and services.

Well child, immunization and claim reports will be requested from the Insurance company to determine rates in visits.

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7.2.2 Access to covered services, including emergency services as defined in 42 CFR 457.10. (Section 2102(a)(7)) 42CFR 457.495(b))

To assure that Kid Care CHIP participants have adequate access to covered services – including emergency services--the Department will review (on an annual basis) the provider networks to determine that there are still a sufficient number of providers in each county. A Kid Care CHIP satisfaction survey will be developed and distributed to a random sample of Kid Care CHIP participants quarterly or annually (by mail or phone) so that the Department can gather participant views about the quality of care provided, ease in access to covered services, grievance issues and/or other topics.

7.2.3 Appropriate and timely procedures to monitor and treat enrollees with chronic, complex, or serious medical conditions, including access to an adequate number of visits to specialists experienced in treating the specific medical condition and access to out-of-network providers when the network is not adequate for the enrollee's medical condition. (Section 2102(a)(7)) (42CFR 457.495(c))

The Insurance company that bids on Kid Care CHIP will be required to have an adequate number of specialists enrolled in their provider networks as well as out-of-network providers. Children may also be eligible for the Children with Special Health program.

The insurer will be required to have a system that ensures prompt referrals for medically necessary care including specialty, secondary and tertiary.

7.2.4 Decisions related to the prior authorization of health services are completed in accordance with state law **or**, in accordance with the medical needs of the patient, within 14 days after the receipt of a request for services. (Section 2102(a)(7)) (42CFR 457.495(d))

Decisions related to prior authorization of health services will be completed in accordance with State law and the medical needs of the patient, within 14 days after the receipt of a request for services.

## **Section 8. Cost Sharing and Payment** (Section 2103(e))

~ **Check here if the state elects to use funds provided under Title XXI only to provide expanded eligibility under the state's Medicaid plan**, and continue on to Section 9.

8.1. Is cost-sharing imposed on any of the children covered under the plan? (42CFR 457.505)

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- 8.1.1. T YES  
8.1.2. NO, skip to question 8.8.

8.2. Describe the amount of cost-sharing, any sliding scale based on income, the group or groups of enrollees that may be subject to the charge and the service for which the charge is imposed or time period for the charge, as appropriate.  
(Section 2103(e)(1)(A)) (42CFR 457.505(a), 457.510(b) &(c), 457.515(a)&(c))

8.2.1. Premiums: No premiums will be charged to families.

8.2.2. Deductibles: No deductibles will be charged to families

Coinsurance or copayments:

All services: \$5 per visit which includes (unless otherwise indicated):

Physician Office - \$5 per visit (excludes laboratory and x-ray)

Outpatient Hospital - \$5 per visit (excludes laboratory and x-ray)

Prescription Drugs - \$3 per Generic prescription/\$5 per Brand prescription

Emergency Room\* - \$5 per visit

No co-payment on Inpatient services

No co-payment on Dental or Vision services

8.2.4. Other:

- There will be no co-payments on well child/well baby, immunizations, preventive dental or vision.
- Co-payments will be capped at \$200 per family per year.
- No co-payments will be charged to American Indians and Alaska Natives
- Co-payments will be tracked by the insurance company and communicated to the families on their explanation of benefits (EOB). When the total co-payment has been reached, the EOB will indicate that the family has met their obligation. The family can take this EOB to any provider to show that they are no longer required to pay a co-payment for the year. The Insurance company will be maintaining a running total of the co-pays for drugs in addition to other co-pays. When the family reaches the total out of pocket limit of \$200 then the insurance company will communicate this to them by way of their EOB (Explanation of Benefits). The families will have to take this EOB with them when seeking services to show providers that their cost sharing has been completed for the year.
- If the family is charged more than the \$200 cap, the family can contact Kid Care CHIP and they will be required to submit receipts of the co-payment amounts they have paid and the State or the State's designee will reimburse them for the amount.
- The family will be notified through enrollment materials of the above process.

8.3. Describe how the public will be notified, including the public schedule, of this cost-

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sharing (including the cumulative maximum) and changes to these amounts and any differences based on income. (Section 2103(e)(1)(B)) (42CFR 457.505(b))

The public will be made aware of this cost sharing through brochures, applications and through contact with Kid Care CHIP. The handbook given to families by the insurance company once they are made eligible for the program will include information on the cost sharing. It will also be included in the insurance company's contracts with providers.

- 8.4 The state assures that it has made the following findings with respect to the cost sharing in its plan: (Section 2103(e))

Kid Care CHIP will produce a public schedule that will be provided to all enrollees, applicants, participating providers and the public of all cost sharing charges, groups subject to the cost sharing charges, including the \$200 maximum cost sharing amount per family per year. There are no consequences for not paying the cost sharing requirements. Kid Care CHIP will advise the public of the above by public notices in papers, meetings open to the public, information listed in applications, brochures, benefit guides, through the Kid Care website, provider and recipient bulletins and through the Kid Care hotline.

- 8.4.1. Y Cost-sharing does not favor children from higher income families over lower income families. (Section 2103(e)(1)(B)) (42CFR 457.530)
- 8.4.2. Y No cost-sharing applies to well-baby and well-child care, including age-appropriate immunizations. (Section 2103(e)(2)) (42CFR 457.520)
- 8.4.3 Y No additional cost-sharing applies to the costs of emergency medical services delivered outside the network. (Section 2103(e)(1)(A)) (42CFR 457.515(f))

- 8.5. Describe how the state will ensure that the annual aggregate cost-sharing for a family does not exceed 5 percent of such family's income for the length of the child's eligibility period in the State. Include a description of the procedures that do not primarily rely on a refund given by the state for overpayment by an enrollee: (Section 2103(e)(3)(B)) (42CFR 457.560(b) and 457.505(e))

Wyoming Kid Care has chosen a flat maximum annual cost sharing amount of \$200 per year per family for children enrolled in CHIP. The amount is very low so it is extremely unlikely that any families would approach the 5 percent cap. For a family of 2 at 185% FPL the 5% cap would represent \$1,104 (\$22,089 X 5%) and for a family of 2 at just above 100% the 5% cap would represent approx \$597 (\$11,940 X 5%).

- 8.6 Describe the procedures the state will use to ensure American Indian (as defined by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976) and Alaska Native children will be

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excluded from cost-sharing. (Section 2103(b)(3)(D)) (42CFR 457.535)

The contract with the insurance company will require that Native American and Alaska Native children do not have a co-payment for services. The identification cards will also indicate that there is no co-payment required.

- 8.7 Please provide a description of the consequences for an enrollee or applicant who does not pay a charge. (42CFR 457.570 and 457.505(c))

Families will not be disenrolled for not paying cost sharing.

- 8.7.1 Please provide an assurance that the following disenrollment protections are being applied:

T State has established a process that gives enrollees reasonable notice of and an opportunity to pay past due premiums, copayments, coinsurance, deductibles or similar fees prior to disenrollment. (42CFR 457.570(a))

*Families will not be disenrolled for nonpayment of cost sharing charges*

T The disenrollment process affords the enrollee an opportunity to show that the enrollee's family income has declined prior to disenrollment for non payment of cost-sharing charges. (42CFR 457.570(b))

*Families will not be disenrolled for nonpayment of cost sharing charges*

T In the instance mentioned above, that the state will facilitate enrolling the child in Medicaid or adjust the child's cost-sharing category as appropriate. (42CFR 457.570(b))

*Families will not be disenrolled for nonpayment of cost sharing charges*

T The state provides the enrollee with an opportunity for an impartial review to address disenrollment from the program. (42CFR 457.570(c))

A fair hearing will be granted to any Kid Care CHIP eligible child or guardian when an adverse action resulted in their disenrollment. Eligibles will not be disenrolled for non-payment of cost sharing charges.

- 8.8 The state assures that it has made the following findings with respect to the payment aspects of its plan: (Section 2103(e))

8.8.1. T No Federal funds will be used toward state matching requirements. (Section 2105(c)(4)) (42CFR 457.220)

8.8.2. T No cost-sharing (including premiums, deductibles, copays, coinsurance and all other types) will be used toward state matching requirements. (Section 2105(c)(5) (42CFR 457.224) (Previously 8.4.5)

8.8.3. T No funds under this title will be used for coverage if a private insurer would have been obligated to provide such assistance except for a provision limiting this obligation because the child is eligible under the this title. (Section 2105(c)(6)(A)) (42CFR 457.626(a)(1))

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- 8.8.4. T Income and resource standards and methodologies for determining Medicaid eligibility are not more restrictive than those applied as of June 1, 1997. (Section 2105(d)(1)) (42CFR 457.622(b)(5))
- 8.8.5. T No funds provided under this title or coverage funded by this title will include coverage of abortion except if necessary to save the life of the mother or if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest. (Section 2105)(c)(7)(B)) (42CFR 457.475)
- 8.8.6. T No funds provided under this title will be used to pay for any abortion or to assist in the purchase, in whole or in part, for coverage that includes abortion (except as described above). (Section 2105)(c)(7)(A)) (42CFR 457.475)

## **Section 9. Strategic Objectives and Performance Goals and Plan Administration (Section 2107)**

- 9.1. Describe strategic objectives for increasing the extent of creditable health coverage among targeted low-income children and other low-income children: (Section 2107(a)(2)) (42CFR 457.710(b))  
**Strategic Objectives listed in following table.**
- 9.2. Specify one or more performance goals for each strategic objective identified: (Section 2107(a)(3)) (42CFR 457.710(c))  
**Performance Goals listed in following table.**
- 9.3 Describe how performance under the plan will be measured through objective, independently verifiable means and compared against performance goals in order to determine the state's performance, taking into account suggested performance indicators as specified below or other indicators the state develops: (Section 2107(a)(4)(A),(B)) (42CFR 457.710(d))

Performance measures are listed in the following table. The table provides a clear picture of the strategic objectives, performance goals, and performance measures and the data elements proposed to measure them. The strategic objectives may have more than one goal. Each goal has a performance measure and a corresponding set of measurable data elements which are depicted horizontally. As a first step in assessing progress in meeting the strategic objectives, evaluators will establish a baseline, or standard point of comparison, for each measure. In most cases, the baseline will be a snapshot of the performance measure at a point in time prior to implementation of the Kid Care CHIP. In areas where data is difficult to obtain, such as the number of uninsured children or health outcome indicators, all efforts will be used to gather and report as accurate information as possible.

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**Kid Care CHIP Strategic Objectives, Performance Goals and Measures, and Data Elements**

Strategic Objective	Performance Goals	Performance Measures/Data Elements
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1. Provide an application and enrollment process that is easy for targeted low-income families to understand and use.	<p>a) Modify the current application to be a user friendly application for poverty level Medicaid children and Kid Care CHIP by December 2003.</p> <p>b) Seventy Five percent of parents or guardians of enrolled children surveyed will state the enrollment process is easy to understand and use.</p>	<p>a) Date that application was distributed for use and dates and explanation of any revisions.</p> <p>b) Survey sent out to parents or guardians of participating children.</p>
2. Decrease the number of children in Wyoming who are uninsured.	<p>a) By December 2005 decrease the proportion of uninsured children either at or below 185% FPL by 60%</p>	<p>a) Utilize data from the Census Bureau</p> <p>b) Monitor by using the annual Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) and CPS data.</p>
3. Coordinate and consolidate with other health care programs providing services to children.	<p>a) 100% of children applying for Kid Care CHIP will be screened for Medicaid eligibility.</p> <p>b) Enrollment applications and materials will be available at programs and agencies serving children by December 2003.</p>	<p>a) Conduct a quality control review.</p> <p>b) The total number of locations Kid Care CHIP applications are available at compared to the baseline prior to this amendment.</p>
4. Ensure that children enrolled in Kid Care CHIP receive high quality health care services from network providers.	<p>a). Sixty percent of Kid Care CHIP participants will state that services provided were high quality.</p>	<p>a) Survey sent out to parents or guardians of participating children</p>
5. Ensure that there are a sufficient number of network providers in each county for Kid Care CHIP participants.	<p>a). 60% of counties will have a sufficient network of providers so that participants in Kid Care CHIP will have adequate access to covered services.</p>	<p>a). A review of the networks in each county will be completed annually by the Department &amp; Insurance Company.</p>
6. Ensure that enrolled children have a medical home	<p>Fifty percent of children participating in Kid Care CHIP will have a primary care provider as a "medical home"</p>	<p>a). A Kid Care CHIP satisfaction survey will be developed and distributed to participants annually.</p>

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7. Market the Kid Care CHIP program.	a) Conduct 5 pilot community outreach projects through the “Covering Kids and Families” grant.  b) Create Kid Care CHIP information materials targeted to potential eligibles, health care providers, and other professionals that have contact with families with children.	a) Summary report of pilot activities and research findings.  b) Documentation of development and distribution of materials.
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Check the applicable suggested performance measurements listed below that the state plans to use: (Section 2107(a)(4))

- 9.3.1. T      The increase in the percentage of Medicaid-eligible children enrolled in Medicaid (Equality Care)
- 9.3.2. T      The reduction in the percentage of uninsured children.
- 9.3.3. T      The increase in the percentage of children with a usual source of care.
- 9.3.4. ~      The extent to which outcome measures show progress on one or more of the health problems identified by the state.
- 9.3.5. ~      HEDIS Measurement Set relevant to children and adolescents younger than 19.
- 9.3.6. ~      Other child appropriate measurement set. List or describe the set used.
- 9.3.7. ~      If not utilizing the entire HEDIS Measurement Set, specify which measures will be collected, such as:
  - 9.3.7.1. √      Immunizations
  - 9.3.7.2. √      Well child care
  - 9.3.7.3. √      Adolescent well visits
  - 9.3.7.4. √      Satisfaction with care
  - 9.3.7.5. ~      Mental health
  - 9.3.7.6. √      Dental care
  - 9.3.7.7. ~      Other, please list:
- 9.3.8. ~      Performance measures for special targeted populations.

- 9.4. T      The state assures it will collect all data, maintain records and furnish reports to the Secretary at the times and in the standardized format that the Secretary requires. (Section 2107(b)(1)) (42CFR 457.720)

- 9.5. T      The state assures it will comply with the annual assessment and evaluation

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required under Section 10. Briefly describe the state's plan for these annual assessments and reports. (Section 2107(b)(2)) (42CFR 457.750)

The State assures it will comply with the annual assessment and evaluation required under Sections 10.1 and 10.2. The Children's Insurance Section will be responsible for the annual assessment and report on the program progress and activities.

The number of uninsured children referred to in the demographic information provided in Section 2 of the document will be used as a baseline for evaluating progress toward decreasing the number of children without health insurance. Effectiveness will be measured by using the performance measures and data elements identified in the table in Section 9.

The state will require the insurance company to provide monthly reports of expenditures so that trends and changes in types of services can be monitored. Quarterly monitoring efforts will focus on identifying trends and changes in the State that may impact the operation of Kid Care CHIP.

9.6. T The state assures it will provide the Secretary with access to any records or information relating to the plan for purposes of review of audit. (Section 2107(b)(3)) (42CFR 457.720)

9.7. T The state assures that, in developing performance measures, it will modify those measures to meet national requirements when such requirements are developed. (42CFR 457.710(e))

9.8. T The state assures, to the extent they apply, that the following provisions of the Social Security Act will apply under Title XXI, to the same extent they apply to a state under Title XIX: (Section 2107(e)) (42CFR 457.135)

9.8.1. T Section 1902(a)(4)(C) (relating to conflict of interest standards)

9.8.2. T Paragraphs (2), (16) and (17) of Section 1903(i) (relating to limitations on payment)

9.8.3. T Section 1903(w) (relating to limitations on provider donations and taxes)

9.8.4. T Section 1132 (relating to periods within which claims must be filed)

9.9. Describe the process used by the state to accomplish involvement of the public in the design and implementation of the plan and the method for insuring ongoing public involvement. (Section 2107(c)) (42CFR 457.120(a) and (b))

Implementation of Kid Care CHIP will be a collaborative process. The program has been designed by a broad-based coalition which includes the public, the legislature, child

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advocates, medical providers, insurance companies and agents, professional associations, and government agencies. Public comment was solicited and received on the program in numerous forums including legislative testimony and through the news media.

Participation of the public through the “Covering Kids” Coalition will be instrumental during the implementation phase of Kid Care CHIP. The coalition will help design strategies for outreach, education, and simplification of the application process. Also a feedback loop will be established which will allow participants, providers, and the public to comment on all aspects of the program.

- 9.9.1 Describe the process used by the state to ensure interaction with Indian Tribes and organizations in the state on the development and implementation of the procedures required in 42 CFR . 457.125. (Section 2107(c)) (42CFR 457.120(c))

As indicated in section 4.4.5 Kid Care CHIP works directly with the tribes, the Tribal Health Services and the Indian Health Service to inform Native Americans in Wyoming about Kid Care CHIP. The representatives of the tribes and organizations in the state have been included in the “Covering Kids” statewide coalition, which will assure their input in the design of an effective outreach and marketing campaign for Kid Care CHIP that will be acceptable to the tribes. The Covering Kids coalition has planned specific marketing and outreach strategies designed for the WRIR, as it has become necessary to address the specific concerns and misconceptions present among Wyoming’s Native Americans

- 9.9.2 For an amendment relating to eligibility or benefits (including cost sharing and enrollment procedures), please describe how and when prior public notice was provided as required in . 457.65(b) through (d).

Public Notice for Kid Care CHIP was made according to State law. The public notice for the public meeting was published in Wyoming newspapers and the public meeting was held on March 25, 2003. The published notice advised of the changes being made to Kid Care CHIP due to the legislation passed during the 2003 legislative session. As an additional step, the Department of Health will also address the cost sharing and benefit changes in the public notice for the administrative rule for Kid Care CHIP that will be issued prior to October 1, 2003.

- 9.10. Provide a one year projected budget. A suggested financial form for the budget is attached. The budget must describe: (Section 2107(d)) (42CFR 457.140)

. Planned use of funds, including --

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- Projected amount to be spent on health services;
  - Projected amount to be spent on administrative costs, such as outreach, child health initiatives, and evaluation; and
  - Assumptions on which the budget is based, including cost per child and expected enrollment.
- . Projected sources of non-Federal plan expenditures, including any requirements for cost-sharing by enrollees.

KID CARE CHIP BUDGET FEDERAL FY 2004	10/03-9/04
Benefit Costs	
Insurance Payments	
Managed Care	
Per member/per month @ # of eligibles \$130 pmpm 12 months x 4800 enrollees*	6,201,000
Fee for Service	
Total Benefit Costs	6,201,000
(Offsetting beneficiary cost sharing payments)	
Net Benefit Costs	6,201,000
Administration Costs	
Personnel	259,286
General Administration	208,082
Contractors/Brokers (e.g. enrollment contractors)	96,000
Claims Processing	Included in contractor's
Outreach/marketing costs	
Other	
Total Administration Costs	563,368
10% Administrative Cost Ceiling	689,000
Federal Share (multiplied by enh-FMAP rate)	4,859,522
State Share	1,904,846
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$6,764,368

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**\*In regard to the calculation of the premium costs: Costs are based on \$130 per child per month. The \$130 is what the Department has estimated pmpm costs at. The final pmpm cost will be based on the final amount negotiated once bids are received.**

**Enrollment will be incremental, but will begin with 3,000 (3,000 children are enrolled in the current program and would transfer over to the restructure and expansion). An additional 1,800 children are estimated to be enrolled incrementally at 150 children per month. Enrollment would then be 4,800 by the end of FY 2004.**

### **Personnel**

Kid Care CHIP will have five positions dedicated to administering the program. A program manager and a benefits manager will administer CHIP. A benefits specialist, eligibility specialist and an administrative position will assist with the administration and eligibility determination.

### **Supportive Services**

General operations costs include equipment, travel, office supplies, postage, printing, and telephone toll charges.

### **Case Services**

It is the intent to have children available for Kid Care CHIP services beginning October 1, 2003. Estimated monthly premium is \$130 based on an analysis of average enrollment and recipient costs in the prior program.

### **Contractual Services**

The services listed below will be contracted services:

- T      Consultant services to conduct research and assist in the design and implementation of the eligibility system for Kid Care CHIP.
- T      Legal fees for the development of administrative rules

### **Sources of Non-Federal Share of Expenditures**

In addition to federal funds, Kid Care State general fund appropriations will be used. Enrollment projections are based on current estimates of funds which will be appropriated for Kid Care CHIP. If enrollment expectations exceed those projected for funding, new enrollment may be suspended.

## **Section 10. Annual Reports and Evaluations (Section 2108)**

- 10.1. Annual Reports. The state assures that it will assess the operation of the state plan under this Title in each fiscal year, including: (Section 2108(a)(1),(2)) (42CFR 457.750)

- 10.1.1. T      The progress made in reducing the number of uncovered low-income children and report to the Secretary by January 1

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following the end of the fiscal year on the result of the assessment, and

- 10.2. T The state assures it will comply with future reporting requirements as they are developed. **(42CFR 457.710(e))**
- 10.3. T The state assures that it will comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations, including but not limited to Federal grant requirements and Federal reporting requirements.

**Section 11. Program Integrity (Section 2101(a))**

☐ **Check here if the state elects to use funds provided under Title XXI only to provide expanded eligibility under the state's Medicaid plan, and continue to Section 12.**

- 11.1 T The state assures that services are provided in an effective and efficient manner through free and open competition or through basing rates on other public and private rates that are actuarially sound. **(Section 2101(a)) (42CFR 457.940(b))**
- 11.2. The state assures, to the extent they apply, that the following provisions of the Social Security Act will apply under Title XXI, to the same extent they apply to a state under Title XIX: **(Section 2107(e)) (42CFR 457.935(b))** *The items below were moved from section 9.8. (Previously items 9.8.6. - 9.8.9)*
- 11.2.1. T 42 CFR Part 455 Subpart B (relating to disclosure of information by providers and fiscal agents)
- 11.2.2. T Section 1124 (relating to disclosure of ownership and related information)
- 11.2.3. T Section 1126 (relating to disclosure of information about certain convicted individuals)
- 11.2.4. T Section 1128A (relating to civil monetary penalties)
- 11.2.5. T Section 1128B (relating to criminal penalties for certain additional charges)
- 11.2.6. T Section 1128E (relating to the National health care fraud and abuse data collection program)

**Section 12. Applicant and enrollee protections (Sections 2101(a))**

☐ **Check here if the state elects to use funds provided under Title XXI only to provide expanded eligibility under the state's Medicaid plan.**

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## Eligibility and Enrollment Matters

- 12.1 Please describe the review process for **eligibility and enrollment** matters that complies with 42 CFR . 457.1120.

Kid Care CHIP will be using the same review process for eligibility and enrollment matters that Wyoming Medicaid does. Kid Care CHIP will inform applicants in writing of their rights and responsibilities and how and when fair hearings may be requested. Upon request a fair hearing shall be granted if the applicant is denied eligibility, if the DOH has failed to make a timely determination of eligibility or if there has been a termination of enrollment.

The DOH will conduct the review process for eligibility and enrollment matters in accordance with the Kid Care CHIP/Medicaid Fair Hearing policy. Families will be notified of their right to a fair hearing when they apply or are enrolled in Kid Care CHIP.

A hearing request must be submitted in writing within 90 days of the Department's action notice. A hearing request is defined as a clear demonstration by the applicant or eligible that he or she wants to be able to present their problem or concern for review.

Hearings will be conducted by an impartial representative of the Department of Health who has not been involved in the determination that caused the hearing. This is done to assure an applicants right to due process and hearing.

A decision will be made within 90 days from the conclusion of the hearing. The decision is final unless the DOH or the applicant/eligible chooses to appeal the decision. It must be appealed within 15 days.

- 12.2 Please describe the review process for **health services matters** that complies with 42 CFR . 457.1120.

Kid Care CHIP will be using the statewide standard review as described in 42 CFR 457.1120(a) (2) for the review process for health service matters. The health services matters subject to review are consistent with the intent of 42 CFR 457.1130 (b).

If a family does not agree with a decision made by the insurance company providing the health services, they will be advised in their enrollee handbook to contact the Customer Service Department to ask questions, ask for a review of a decision or make verbal complaints. All inquiries will be answered within 10 days. Families will be advised that they can also file a written complaint and will be provided with an address in their enrollee handbook. All written complaints will be acknowledged within 10 days and families should receive a decision or written response within 45 days. The enrollee may then submit a complaint to the DOH. The enrollee handbook will also have information on how to appeal a

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Premium Assistance Programs

12.3 If providing coverage through a group health plan that does not meet the requirements of 42 CFR . 457.1120, please describe how the state will assure that applicants and enrollees have the option to obtain health benefits coverage other than through the group health plan at initial enrollment and at each redetermination of eligibility.

Not applicable

***Attachment A***

***Eligibility Definition***

TERM	DEFINITION														
Income	Money received from any source, excluding any item specified in policy.														
Earned Income	Except as specifically excluded in this section, all countable earned income of the household will be counted for determining Kid Care CHIP eligibility including, but not limited to, wages, salaries, commissions, self employment income and income paid under a contract.														
Unearned Income	Except as specifically excluded in this section, all unearned income of the household will be counted for determining Kid Care CHIP eligibility including, but not limited to, public assistance payments, child support, alimony, Social Security benefits, pensions, unemployment compensation, worker's compensation and interest.														
Exempt Income	<p>Money set aside or free from program policy or limits, not counted against program income limits. The following income is excluded:</p> <table><tr><td>T</td><td>Income which is required to be excluded from income under other Federal statutes</td></tr><tr><td>T</td><td>Unearned income paid in-kind to a household member such as Payments made to a third party for food, shelter, clothing or needs</td></tr><tr><td>T</td><td>Reimbursements of Medicare premiums made by the Social Security Administration by the Division of Public Health</td></tr><tr><td>T</td><td>Educational income such as grants, scholarships, fellowships, Educational loans, and work study income provided the individual is Enrolled in an educational program</td></tr><tr><td>T</td><td>Needs-based veteran's pensions</td></tr><tr><td>T</td><td>Reimbursements for expenses incurred by the individual</td></tr><tr><td>T</td><td>Child Care assistance paid under Title XX of the Social Security Act</td></tr></table> <p>The following income <b>will</b> be counted as assistance unit income:</p>	T	Income which is required to be excluded from income under other Federal statutes	T	Unearned income paid in-kind to a household member such as Payments made to a third party for food, shelter, clothing or needs	T	Reimbursements of Medicare premiums made by the Social Security Administration by the Division of Public Health	T	Educational income such as grants, scholarships, fellowships, Educational loans, and work study income provided the individual is Enrolled in an educational program	T	Needs-based veteran's pensions	T	Reimbursements for expenses incurred by the individual	T	Child Care assistance paid under Title XX of the Social Security Act
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	<p><b>T</b> Rental income except that the following expenses may be deducted: taxes and attorney fees needed to make the income available; upkeep and repair costs necessary to maintain the current value of the property; interest only on a loan or mortgage secured by the rental property</p> <p><b>T</b> The value of income paid in-kind for which the individual performed a Service or which is provided as part of the individual's wages from employment</p>
Income Standard	All countable household income must be between 101% and 185% of the federal poverty level.
Institutional Status	Residents of public institutions are not eligible. Applicants who are in an institution for mental disease are not eligible
Household Composition	<p>1. The following financially responsible individuals who reside together must be included in the household for purposes of determining the household size, whether or not they are eligible to receive benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A child who meets Kid Care CHIP age requirements</li> <li>✓ Siblings, half-siblings, adopted siblings, and step-siblings of the child who meets Kid Care CHIP age requirements</li> <li>✓ Parents of any child who is included in the household size</li> <li>✓ Children of any children who are included in the household</li> </ul> <p>2. Any individual described in the bullets above who is temporarily absent solely by reason of employment, school, training, military service or medical treatment or who will return home to live within 90 days from the date of the application is part of the household.</p> <p>3. Household members who do not qualify for Kid Care CHIP due to their alien status must be included in the household size and their income be counted.</p> <p>4. If an individual is caring for a child of his or her former spouse, in the case where a divorce has been finalized, the household may include that child if the child resides in the home and meets Kid Care CHIP requirements.</p>

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